

SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. This is Monday, April 10, the fifty-ninth legislative day of the Ninety-fourth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for the day is Pastor Gretchen Naugle of the Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Palyra. She is the guest of Senator Vrtiska. Pastor.

PASTOR NAUGLE: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Pastor. Roll call. Will the senators please record their presence. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Madam President.

SENATOR CROSBY: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Explanation of vote from Senator Elmer. Senator Hall amendments to LB 455 to be printed; Senator Maurstad to LB 418. And that's all that I have this morning, Madam President. (See pages 1581-82 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The first item on the General File is LB 455.

CLERK: Madam President, 455, a bill introduced by Senator Bohlke at the request of the Governor. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17 of this year, Madam President, referred to the Health and Human Services Committee for hearing. The bill was advanced to General File. I do have Health and Human Services Committee amendments pending.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Wesely, to open on the committee amendments.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you, Madam President, members of the Legislature, the bill before you, LB 455 is the follow-up to the legislation we passed last year to implement welfare reform in the State of Nebraska. As a part of that package of bills that we passed last year and changes in our welfare system, we had a